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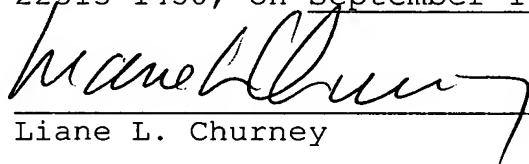
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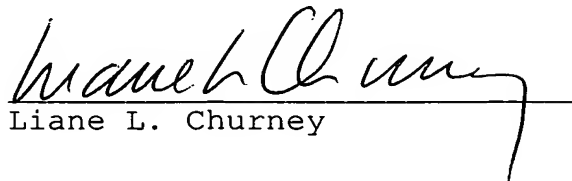
In the Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner states:

"A device having a bowl, a rotatable carrier plate, a drive assembly and hub with a deflector element in combination with the other claimed limitations is not disclosed. The deflector element is referred to in the other claims by mention of oscillating the workpiece, a cam arrangement and/or a support element projecting upwardly."

In response, Claim 1 does recite the deflector element, as indicated by the Examiner. Claim 1 recites that this deflector element projects into the interior of the bowl and towards the workpiece to compress the media against the workpiece and prevent build-up of media adjacent the center of the bowl. However, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, none

of remaining independent Claims 16, 18 and 22 recite such a deflector element.

Respectfully submitted,


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